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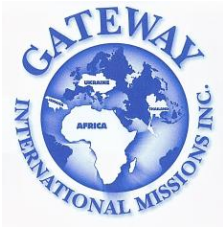
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Large Baptism in Lake Kivu in the DR Congo

Dear GIMI Friends and Team Members,

Blessed Late-May and Early-June greetings to every one of you GIMI Friends and Team Members. JoAnne and I pray you and your family are safe and well during these continuing difficult and declining days we are living here in America. As I have often tried to remind every born-again believer, we are living the most challenging days we have ever lived in. Of course, all we have to do is to go to **II Timothy and read Chapter 3:1-7**, and we can see a tremendous description of the time we are now living in here in America, and in the rest of the world. The urgency of the hour is so challenging in these days to be more compassionate and active in taking the Gospel Message to the two billion people on earth that have never even heard this Gospel Message. Especially, the plan of salvation; the only way for a lost sinner to get saved and be on his or her way to the beautiful place called heaven! Folks, the reason I keep pushing on is to try to keep taking Jesus' love to lost and dying people

who have no other way to get saved and go to heaven. Just in case there might be some of you who may think you can work your way to heaven, or discover some other way, all you have to do today is turn on your Internet and watch some of these ridiculous preachers that never preach against sin. I won't mention the names of these false prophets, but, if all they ever preach or teach is on comfort and trying to be good and discover their life's destiny, you need to flee from these jackals who are in it just to raise money to be the big dude or gal in their religious circles.

If you want to read a tremendous passage of scripture about phony prophets and pastors, and the damage they cause in their towns and villages, then please open your Bible and read Jeremiah 23, where these hypocrite preachers and prophets bring such devastation and the future judgment of God to their country.



Pastor Kamanda bringing school booklets and Bibles from GIMI to orphan students in Liberia.

They became so bad that Jeremiah had to flee to Egypt for safety! My dear beloved Christian friends and pastors, it is high time for every Christian to get back to standing up for the truth of God's Holy Word. Preachers and teachers need to preach the entire Word of God, which shows the marvelous love of Christ. It also contains the message of God against willful sin and wickedness. This entire message has to be proclaimed so people can get saved and forgiven in order to soon go to heaven. Will you help me, first, by encouraging our church leaders to get back to preaching the entire truth of God's Word? Secondly, will you please help JoAnne and I carry this great burden of going after lost souls in the short time that we have left?



**Pastor David and Shirley Gallamore
at our recent GIMI Celebration Banquet**

God gave GIMI a Tremendous Harvest Celebration and Board Meeting on Friday and Saturday, March 21-22!

On March 21-22, God gloriously gave us a tremendous 25th Annual Harvest Celebration once again with over 60 people present. God provided a wonderful evening meal prepared by the local Boxcar Grille. The evening meal was very delicious, and it was a pleasure to work with the Boxcar people once more!

Following our evening meal, we were so blessed by the Gospel Music Concert by our dear friend, Wade Spencer, who came with his sweet wife, Teresa.

Wade's music was wonderful and so spiritually refreshing, drawing our attention to worshiping and working for Jesus, and to keep going after lost souls for Him in the time we have left! Then, after Brother Wade's music concert, our dear friend, Dr. David Gallamore, Pastor of the great Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley, SC, preached a tremendously challenging sermon from **II Timothy 2:1-7**. In this great message, Pastor David gave three main points challenging every Christian to **I. Be Strong, II. Be Steadfast, and III. Be Separate**. These challenging words from God's Word should be practiced daily in these days of apostasy, which Paul so vividly describes in this passage. We believers and all true churches should get back to these great principles, which Pastor David gave us.

We were so blessed by the presence of Pastor David's sweet wife, Shirley, who came with him to fellowship with us. We truly love this pastor and his wife and church family. This great church is helping GIMI financially every month. Please pray for Pastor David, Sister Shirley, and Wade and Teresa Spencer faithfully!

God also gave us a great GIMI Annual Board Meeting on Saturday morning. God really blessed the meeting in a wonderful way. This old Board President had to put my barefoot up on a chair during the meeting due to some severe leg and feet problems I am a having. Let me ask you to really keep praying for our entire GIMI Board Members, especially, this old ailing preacher.



**Musician Wade and Teresa Spencer
at our recent GIMI Celebration Banquet.**



IT IS TIME TO PAY A GREAT TRIBUTE TO PASTOR TOMMY SNYDER AND HIS DEAR WIFE JOYCE!

As I begin this next section of our GIMI Newsletter, I must tell you that writing this information is a very bittersweet moment for JoAnne and I. For over 25 years, we have had the privilege of working with Pastor Tommy Snyder and his sweet wife, Joyce. Long before GIMI was founded, I had the privilege of preaching a couple revival meetings in one of Pastor Tommy's churches in North Georgia. During those meetings, I really came to love this dear pastor and his precious wife, who worked as a tremendous registered nurse. From those first meetings, we continued to build our relationship with Pastor Tommy and Sister Joyce. When we began our GIMI Ministry, I just sensed that Pastor Tommy needed to be the Vice-President. He was voted in unanimously by our GIMI Board Of Directors. Since that day many years ago, Pastor Tommy and his dear wife have been helping us to take the Gospel to thousands of people. Pastor Tommy and Sister Joyce have made several trips to Africa helping us present the Gospel, and helping us to minister to thousands of suffering people. Pastor Tommy has preached the Gospel to thousands of our African people. He has helped us train hundreds of pastors and church leaders. In fact, he went a few times in my absence, to train pastors and other church leaders. During the many crusades Pastor Tommy preached in several countries in Africa, thousands of people got saved. Because Sister Joyce is a registered nurse, she has gone to Africa to help lead in some incredible medical clinics for suffering and hurting people. The African people and other members of the medical team always loved her so very much. While Sister Joyce was working with our doctors in leading the clinics, Pastor Tommy was counseling the patients showing them how to get

saved. Many were saved through these counseling sessions; including many Muslims!

During these 25 years of working with Pastor Tommy and Sister Joyce, JoAnne and I, plus numbers of others, were so encouraged with our friendship and fellowship with this great Christian couple. We will ever be blessed by the ministry of this marvelous ministerial couple.

Now comes the bittersweet news. Pastor Tommy's mother is 97 years old, and lives near Memphis, Tennessee. A couple of his children, and grandchildren are living in the Memphis area helping to take care of this precious elderly lady. After much prayer, Brother Tommy and Sister Joyce, have decided that it is time for him to resign his great work at the First Baptist Church of Batesville, MS., so that he and Sister Joyce can move to Memphis and spend their time with his Mom. Pastor Tommy will still be preaching some with Tommy Snyder Ministries, as God might lead. Brother Tommy has now resigned as the Vice-President of GIMI, and the Board has voted my son, Pastor Joel Frye, in as the new Vice-President. I believe this is God's will, especially, since Pastor Joel has already begun to take some teams to Africa in my place, due to deteriorating health. Pastor Joel will continue to serve as Senior Pastor of Oxford Baptist Church, in Conover, NC, where he has pastored for the past 26 years. It will be a heavy load for Pastor Joel. He is following in the ministry of his Dad, who spent the past 40 years pastoring churches, and traveling back and forth to Africa. Now, Pastor Joel is taking the mantle from His Dad's work in Africa, like Elisha did from Elijah in **II Kings 2:8**. I would ask each of you friends and GIMI Team Members to really fervently pray for Pastor Tommy and Sister Joyce, as they make these difficult changes in their lives and ministry. Please pray for Pastor Joel, his family, and his church family as he continues to help his aging father lead this great soul-winning ministry!



**Pastor Tommy praying with many prisoners
to get saved in a Kenya prison.**



MY TRIBUTE TO JOANNE; THE GREATEST WIFE AND MOTHER GOD EVER GAVE TO A HUSBAND AND FAMILY!

At the risk of being spanked, I am going to do something today I have never done before, in almost 60 years of marriage. Since Mother's Day is on May 11th this year, I want to pay a living tribute to what I believe is the greatest wife that God ever gave to a husband and a mother to her children. JoAnne and I got married as teenagers right out of high school. During those pre-teen years prior to our high school graduation, I rededicated my Christian life to Jesus, after being backslidden for three years. Having taking care of this spiritual problem, I began to drive JoAnne's bus for two years, which initiated a wonderful relationship with this dedicated young lady. We talked much about Jesus, and much about what God wanted to do with our lives. It was just before our teenage marriage that I surrendered to preach the Gospel one Sunday evening at Smyrna Baptist Church, just outside of our town, Taylorsville, NC. Pastor Horace Moree, the pastor that led me to Jesus when I was only nine years old, was at the altar that evening when I surrendered my life to Jesus to preach the Gospel.

From that Sunday evening, JoAnne and I spent much time praying about our marriage, and the life that God was calling us to. Though I was scared to death, she was so inspiring and encouraging to me as we contemplated our future ministry together. On September 25, 1965, we got married at Bethlehem Baptist Church, where JoAnne's Dad was a deacon. Pastor Oliver Price married us! With those marriage vows, I was getting the greatest gift God ever gave to a

man. From that day until this very day, she has been my helpmeet, my encourager, and recently, my nurse helping me to get through a trying time after years of surgeries, diabetes, and the horrible wreck in Africa back in December of 1993. During our forthcoming 60 years together, we will remember and reflect on the eleven churches we have pastored, the 40 years of working in African prisons, schools, orphans, and huge refugee camps. These 40 years of prison ministry started with me visiting Ted Bundy and other inmates in Florida State Prison back in 1976. During all these years of ministry, including over 1,300 revival meetings and seminars, my dear precious wife and mother took glorious care of our two children. She and the children lived and traveled with me in a motorhome while I was preaching in churches all over this country. With me making over 70 trips to Africa to do ministry, she too has made over 40 trips to help us with this ministry. She still has a tremendous ministry with women prisoners and their children in prison with their moms. The prisoners, the children, the prison officers, and yes, the government officials dearly love her!

I hope you Christian mothers have a wonderful Mother's Day Celebration on May 11th, this year. (Of course, some of you might get this newsletter a little late. Please forgive me this due to my restricted time caused by pain).

JoAnne and I pray that you have a tremendous Mother's Day. Let me encourage all of you husbands and family to do something special for your mom on Mother's Day! I am sure if your wife and mother are truly saved, they are truly loving and dedicated to Jesus, and to you as family members! So, treat them with love and honor on this special day of the year, and yes, on every day of the year!

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A MESSAGE FOR FAILING WIVES AND MOTHERS!

Most of you GIMI Friends and Team Members that have known me and my family for a long time, know I have tried diligently to preach the truth of God's Word for almost 60 years; both positive and some negative truth. Truth, a lot of preachers and church members just don't want to touch. What I am about to include in this article may upset some of you. Due to the damage being caused in our homes and churches, what I am about to discuss with you must be taught. We are presently living in a generation of professing Christian ladies that obviously haven't studied the Biblical role of a wife and mother, or if they have, they seem to be rebelling against the Biblical truth about wifedom and motherhood. For the sake of peace within families and churches, I believe we need to roll back the cover and see the true role of a Godly wife and mother.

My dear beloved brothers and sisters, the Bible teaches in **Ephesians 5:21-6:4**, the role of the husband, the role of the wife, and the role of the children in a very clear message. It seems a lot of professing Christians today could care less about the Biblical role for each family member. After 60 years in the ministry pastoring eleven churches with a total of thousands of church members, I have seen the true success of many homes built on Biblical roles and principles. I am sad to tell you I have seen multitudes of professing Christian homes destroyed by families that never seek to know the Biblical roles of every family member, or especially, to put into practice by the members of the family. I would like to use this space to share with you the Biblical role of every family member. Because it is the Mother's Day, I want to discuss several things about the role of the wife. Maybe later I can do an entire article on the role for every family member.



"The Damage Being Done To The Kingdom Of God And To Our Churches By Women Failing To Follow The Biblical Role Of Wives And Mothers"

Having been a pastor for a long time, I am sorry to report I have not only seen a large number of homes destroyed by wives living out of God's Biblical roles, but I have seen probably hundreds of husbands in our churches that have been called by God to a ministry or to the mission field, only to be stopped by wives who believe they are the head of their home. They believe the husband should do what she tells him to do, or not to do! I have seen this in all eleven churches my wife and I have planted or led! In recent years, we have seen it in many churches we have been in preaching revivals or teaching training seminars. Let me just give you one illustration on how this damage is usually done.

The husband and his family are in a local church, and maybe the pastor or guest preacher preaches about God calling men to the mission field. During the invitation, the husband gets under conviction and goes down to the altar and surrenders his life to the call of God to go to the mission field to bring lost souls to Jesus. This husband leaves the church and heads home for lunch. During the ride home, and at the lunch table the discussion continues about the husband's call to serve Jesus. Then, the husband and wife start a discussion about their future, and how they might get adequately prepared to go to the mission field. The wife begins to tell the husband they can't possibly go to the mission field, because up until this time, the wife has a better job making more money. Her job is more important to her than doing God's will. She begins to push her husband to reconsider his commitment to Christ, and maybe start looking for another local ministry nearby, where she can keep her job, make more money, not have to pick the children up and take them to some suffering part of the world. Rather than submit to God's plan for her husband, she begins to look for her mother or other women in the church to please help her come up with some additional excuses for not submitting to God's will and plan for her

husband. She continues to build her word arsenal of excuses to bombard her puppet husband who will not step forth with love and tell this non-submissive wife that he is going to follow God's call. She must prepare herself spiritually, mentally, physically, and courageously, and be ready to give up things she might love, change her entire lifestyle, change her domineering plan for her future work, and be ready to lead her children to submit to God's call for their father's fulfillment of God's call. Without the husband's submission to God's call; her submission to her husband's leadership in following God's perfect will for his life, and without her teaching and training by example and by her constant Biblical teaching of the role of the children in helping her husband to become God's missionary, the entire family will be miserable for many years. This non-submissive wife might be singing in the choir, teaching the women in the women's group, maybe teaching a Sunday School Class, or even serving as the new secretary at her church, while the husband sits back in the church miserable, feeling unholy, and wondering how he ever got into this mess! If Mom doesn't get right with Jesus, and ask her husband's forgiveness, the home may eventually be destroyed because of a non-submissive wife, whose life, family, job, societal possession, and the fear of the unknown in following God's will, are more important than following her husband's surrender to the will of God, and a life of eternal fruitfulness.

If by now, some of you wives and mothers are angry with this old preacher, let me tell you I know probably 40 God called preachers who are sitting on the church pews idle, while their wives run everything in their homes, including the activities of her husband and the teenagers who are still trying to obey the domineering Mom, whose will and lifestyle have been more important than God's will for her husband and their families' lives. The sad thing is that these rebelling wives must never forget that they will one day give an account to Jesus about their disobedience to Jesus and their husbands. That day will be a sad day with no record of very good works or fruitfulness to show to Jesus. My dear wives and mothers, I am going to give

you some vital points from **Ephesians 5:21-6:4** that you and your husband need to study and put into your lives regardless of how much time God may yet give you and your family yet to live, or before Jesus returns!!!!

I have entitled this outline, "Is There A Lady In The House?" I also have another outline for the husbands and fathers, which I will give you at a later date. If you will contact Sister T. J. Patton at our main office and let her know I have offered to give you a copy of my entire new booklet entitled, "The Master Builder's Home Improvement Seminar," she will send you this entire manual." Just call our office at: 828-632-2344 to get your copy.

Before we move into the study of the outline on the role of Christian mothers in the home, I want to mention something else I have watched for more than 25 years. I don't mean to hurt anyone reading this newsletter, but because of damage being done, another severe mistake some wives and mothers are making when it comes to submitting to the husband's leadership about being sold out to Jesus, and investing everything a Christian family has into the work of God to help spread the Gospel. I have seen many wives stop or deter the work of Christ by failing to follow their husband's leadership when it comes to investing their finances in God's work! The wife may offer many excuses for not giving liberally financially to the work of God, but if she hinders, deters, or stops her husband from investing in God's work faithfully, Jesus will truly hold her accountable for her strong disobedience, and for the damage done because of the selfish desire to have God's money, and spend it on herself, her children, or just anything that she believes is more important than giving to enhance the Kingdom of God, and rescue the lost souls that are on their way to a burning hell!

I can truthfully say that for all of the past 25 years of missions ministry, I have seen husbands surrender everything they have to follow God's call for their lives, including giving generously, only to then see their wives step forward and stop the husbands investment in the souls of lost men and women and reach for God's money to spend it selfishly on herself or some other

worldly stuff! I make this point because I have seen this happen so often when it has come to mission giving to GIMI. Several years ago, we had a very dedicated Christian man go on a mission trip with GIMI. He was a man that ran a very prosperous business. When he began to serve the Lord, I saw God change this man spiritually, and give him a tremendous burden for our GIMI soul-winning ministry, and for doing whatever God wanted us to do in order to reach thousands of lost sinners. Because God had really blessed this man's business with great growth, he wanted to give graciously to GIMI as much as God might provide.

This brother made another trip to Africa with one of our teams going to do evangelism to reach thousands of lost souls. His wife decided to go with us on this trip. My wife and I watched this lady very closely to see how she participated in the mission work. She seemed to really enjoy her participation in the ministry while she was in Africa. Truthfully, I believe I remember that she led the first person to Christ that she had ever won for Jesus! She seemed to be so happy working with her dedicated husband. However, as we got closer to the end of the trip, JoAnne and I began to see that she seemed to lose her burden and love for the lost prisoners, students, orphans and refugees. When the trip was over, we came back to America. Shortly thereafter, I noticed in our records that her husband had quit giving to GIMI from their company, and from their personal income. Later I learned he had quit giving financially because his Christian wife had almost demanded he stop giving to our ministry at all! Here was a dedicated Christian husband, who was a devoted deacon serving in his church, and a man that obviously God must have really called to serve in a great effort to win souls for Jesus.

HERE WAS A PROFESSING CHRISTIAN WIFE THAT COULD NOT SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF HER HUSBAND FOLLOWING THE CALL OF GOD BY WORKING WITH US IN AFRICA. THIS WIFE WAS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT LOSING GREAT MONEY THAN LAYING UP TREASURE IN HEAVEN BY INVESTING IN THE RESCUE OF LOST SINNERS!

I could share with you the tragedy of many similar situations my wife and I have personally witnessed through the past 25 years of our ministry. Beloved Christian ladies, if you and your family are going to continue to receive the blessings of God on your family, you must never forget what Jesus told his disciples when he called them to put everything behind God's call to the ministry and follow His Divine will for their entire Christian lives. Let me give you a tremendous verse of Scripture to show you how God has planned for His children to follow Him! **"Jesus said unto him (the rich young ruler), if thou wilt be perfect (full grown spiritually), go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. (Matthew 19:21)** God has ordained that if any person is going to be successful in carrying out God's perfect will for their lives, the will of God must have precedence in their lives, with every other thing in life put behind the will of God. Therefore, when God calls a husband, (which He always does when the husband or father gets genuinely saved) to follow His will for the rest of his life, God expects and has planned specifically for his wife to submit to her husband, and help him be faithful in carrying out the perfect will of God. **(Romans 12:1-2).** So, wives and moms, are you living by the Biblical roles of submission that God has given to you in the Book of **Ephesians 5:22-24**, and in **Titus 2:4-5 through Paul the Apostle?**" I do pray that at this "Mother's Day" time of the year that you ladies are committed to helping your dear husband to find the will of God, and to follow His purpose for your husband. You will never be happy in your Christian life unless you are deeply committed to helping your husband fulfill God's Divine plan and purpose for which God has called Him!

Happy Mother's Day!

“IS THERE A LADY IN THE HOUSE?”

Scripture: Ephesians 5:22-24 and Titus 2:4-5

Introduction: The question is, “Is there a lady in the house?” It seems somewhat absurd that we would need to ask that question, but yet, when we consider seriously the conditions of the modern-day home, the confusion about the roles of men and women in the family unit, and the proliferation of masculinizing women and feminizing men, the question must be asked. I believe the Bible teaches it is God’s plan for women to be real ladies, and they fulfill His plan when they come to understand and then implement their God-given role as a woman. In our study for today, we will cover two scripture passages dealing with a “Real Lady’s” role in the home.

I. THIS LADY’S ROLE IS ONE OF DEVOTION. Ephes. 5:22-24

- A. It is a required devotion. v. 22a
- B. It is a restricted devotion. v. 22b
- C. It is a reverential devotion. v. 22c
- D. It is a revelatory devotion. v. 23
- E. It is a regulated devotion. v. 24

II. THIS LADY’S ROLE IS ONE OF DEDICATION. Titus 2:4-5

- A. This dedication demands that she live her life seriously. v. 4a
- B. This dedication demands that she live her life compassionately. v. 4b
- C. This dedication demands that she live her life discreetly. v. 5a
- D. This dedication demands that she live her life morally. v. 5b
- E. This dedication demands that she live her life diligently. v. 5c
- F. This dedication demands that she live her life socially. v. 5d
- G. This dedication demands that she live her life respectfully. v. 5e
- H. This dedication demands that she live her life spiritually. v. 5f

Conclusion: When a Christian lady comes to understand and put into practice her roles of Devotion and Dedication, she will be well on her way to becoming the lady God wants her to be.

EXERCISE F

Instructions: Individually complete this section, giving yourself about 15 minutes to complete the **Action and Prayer** sections, and then do the **Share** section with your husband.

ACTION:

1. Rank on a scale of 1 to 5 how well you feel that you fulfill each of the following responsibilities: (1-Meaning needs improvement. 5-Meaning fulfills sufficiently).

1. My attitude toward my husband’s decisions reflects a desire to please God.
2. I can find joy and contentment during trials.
3. My husband feels I am growing spiritually.
4. My husband feels that I respect him.
5. My husband feels that I love him.
6. My husband feels that I need him.
7. My husband feels I accept him regardless of his performance.
8. I express much love in our sexual life.
9. I back him up and support him in front of our children.
10. I back him up and support him in front of our friends.
11. I say only positive things about him when talking with others.
12. I enjoy being with my husband.
13. I consider him my top priority.
14. I devote adequate time to him.
15. I consciously seek to fulfill his needs.
16. I encourage him.
17. I listen attentively to him.
18. I allow the Lord to teach him instead of convincing him myself.
19. I allow him to make decisions without manipulating him.
20. I dress modestly around other men.

My Children Know:

21. I love my husband.
22. I love them.
23. They are a top priority.
24. My home is a top priority.
25. It is important to me to please God and follow His principles.
26. I pray for them.

2. List your husband's five greatest needs. Beside each need, write one specific thing that you can do to better help him fulfill that need:

HIS NEEDS: I CAN HELP:

3. Rank the top priorities in your life. Name one improvement you could make in each of these areas to make them more pleasing to God:

PRIORITY: IMPROVEMENT:

PRAYER: Take time to pray now and ask God to help you specifically in each area for which he has convicted you to seek improvements as a wife or mother.

SHARE: Get alone with your spouse for a few moments and share your findings through this exercise. Then share with him the areas, which you have committed to God to change. Pray together.

We Must Never Forget To Remember Those Dear Brave Men And Women Who Gave Their Lives For Our Freedom!

Another great tribute we must make during the month of May is for those courageous men and women who gave their lives in battle to keep our nation free! May 26th is Memorial Day this year! The purpose of this special day is to sincerely remember and pay tribute to those men and women who died in the fields and on the seas of battle. We would not be living in a free country were it not for these precious people who gave all so that we could continue to live without communist terrorists knocking down our doors, raiding our homes, or even killing our family members. Beloved friends, after the past four years of trying to live in a country with our former President and his colleagues using law-fare and everything else they could find to try and destroy conservative and Christian people, we should be literally praising Jesus for the fact that we still have freedom, even with the loud and vicious "woke" liberals and leftists screaming daily because they lost the last election, and because they are filled with hate! We must pray for these spiritually ignorant and viciously evil people who don't have a clue of how America became a freed God-fearing nation built by God, by His marvelous plan for this great nation.

Gifts Given in Memory and Honor

In Memory of:

**Shelby Sammons
Sherman Crilow
Corene Toner
Randal Wood
Joyce Harding**

In Honor Of:

JoAnne Frye

Given by:

**Charles Sammons
Arlene Crilow
James & Lee Ora Coston
Debra Wood
David Harding**

Given by:

Terry & Sandra Gwaltney

Final Salute

**The honor guard stands sentinel and stiff-backed.
Their tears silently fall, for their brotherhood was
forged in combat.**

**One of their own will be laid to rest,
A tribute and honor given only to the best.**

**As his family gathers near, His wife takes her
place as she wipes away her tears.**

**At the front, soldiers offer a salute,
And the casket is draped in red white and blue.**

**The red stripes are made redder by the courage
in which he served,
Defending our freedoms he fought to preserve.**

**The white is made more pure by his devotion to
duty, A bronze star he earned in the midst of the
enemy's cruelty.**

**The blue field and the stars are our great land and
our ideals that he defended,
Because of his love for the flag and what it
represented.**

**In unison, the firing party begins to volley
A 21-gun salute, because a hero he embodied.**

**And then in this hallowed ground,
The melody of Taps begins to sound.**

**There isn't a dry eye in this place,
As emotion begins to overtake.**

**The honor bell rings its solemn toll,
And pride wells up within her soul.**

**The flag is folded one last time and placed in her
lap, Her lips quiver as she tries to hold the tears
back.**

**The soldier says, "Ma'am, please accept this flag
as a symbol of our appreciation
For your loved one's service to our nation."**

**As the final prayer is spoken and he's lowered in
the ground, Two soldiers offer a final salute to
this man who once stood so proud.**



"Our GIMI Workers And Support Team Members Are Very Excited About The Rest Of 2025!"

Back in our January/February newsletter, I tried very hard to write about the upcoming New Year. It goes without saying that I was and still am truly excited about what God is going to do in this wonderful ministry in the remainder of this year. Yes, there is truly a part of me that is excited about our future ministry for GIMI, even with the health issues I am having to battle. For the past 25 past years, my wife and I, and our many teams, have worked non-stop to keep this great ministry going in all of our countries. Oh yes, Jesus has given us an unbelievable harvest over the past 25 years. God has truly blessed this sacred ministry with the privilege of presenting the Gospel message to over 35 million people in our countries in Africa, in the war-torn Ukraine, and here in America. I am thrilled to tell you that from the 35 million people with whom we have shared the Gospel; God has given us a genuine harvest with over 8 million people giving their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ in first-time professions of faith. My wife and I, and all of our dear GIMI Board Members here in America, are so thrilled at what God has done during these past 25 years. We are so proud of our GIMI workers in all of our countries in Africa, in the Ukraine, and here in America also! JoAnne and I could never have led and continued this wonderful ministry were it not for all of our GIMI workers, all our GIMI Mission teams, and especially for all of you dear precious GIMI Team Members, who have prayed so fervently for us, and the

GIMI ministry. This Book Of Acts Ministry would never have been possible at all, if it had not been for all of our sacrificial contributors who have given over and over to help us keep reaching lost sinners, and, to keep helping us feed thousands of suffering prisoners, refugees, school students, orphans, and vulnerable widows and children. There is no way possible for us to have planted, to have cultivated, and, to have reaped such a great harvest of born-again believers who have given their lives to Jesus Christ, were it not for so many faithful prayer warriors, and generous givers who have continually kept helping our teams to go after the multitudes of lost and hell-bound people in all of our countries. Surely, as we have started this brand-new year, we have much to be hopeful and optimistic about, because we know for sure, which side wins. Oh yes, there are multitudes of evil people and things to be concerned about in our world. We know for sure we are truly on the winning side! Therefore, we cannot, and we must not, be frightened because of Satan's last all-out effort to destroy every believer, and every person now living righteously on this earth just before Jesus returns!

"God Gave GIMI Another Huge Harvest In 2024"

Most of you dear friends who are regular readers of our newsletter know that my precious wife and I have been working in Africa since 1985. We have traveled millions of miles in this awesome effort to win multitudes for Christ. We can bow on our knees and lift up our hands in prayer and worship Jesus for the unique privilege He has given us to represent Him and His Kingdom for this long period of time. God has truly blessed GIMI with a huge harvest of souls for the past 25 years. It is absolutely unbelievable how God has poured out His Spirit to bless all of our workers in all of our African countries. **During the past 25 years since JoAnne and I took over this wonderful ministry from Brother Mickey and Sister Alice Parrish, GIMI has shared the Gospel with millions of people with almost 8 million of these dear people making a first-time decision to follow Christ. Already from January through December of this past year, our GIMI team members presented the Gospel message to 1,652,272 people with just over 372,963 of these precious people making first-time prayers to be saved. This would be a good time to shout glory hallelujah and praise to His mighty name!**

I am thrilled to share with you that from January through March of this year, God has given GIMI the privilege of sharing the Gospel Message with 383,514 people in our 12 African countries, in the war-torn Ukraine, and in America. Praise God, from this large number of people, God has given us a huge harvest of 83,178 people making first-time professions of faith in Christ! We must give Jesus all of the praise and glory!

Yes, dear friends, truly, truly, God is the One to be praised and glorified for this huge harvest of souls coming to Jesus. This could never have happened were it not for our devoted and faithful workers in all of our African countries, plus, in the war-torn Ukraine. Without a doubt, God has given to our ministry some of the most devoted people I have ever seen during my pastorate of thousands of people in eleven churches!

None of this precious ministry would have ever been possible, were it not for the prayerful loving sacrificial giving of so many of you dear people to GIMI! I want to tell you emphatically that not only has God used our field workers, our American staff and mission teams, but, He has gloriously provided a huge amount of dollars to keep this ministry going after lost souls. I desire that God's truly saved people will have on their hearts what Jesus has on His. Notice this Scripture found in **Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."** We as God's children must come to understand the main reason God gloriously saves us is to place on our hearts what Jesus has on His; the lost souls all around us, and all around the world! He saves us to place us in His soul-winning army to help take the Gospel message to as many people as we possibly can in the time we have left before He returns! There are over two billion people yet in the world, that have never heard the simple plan of salvation. Presently, we are told there are 8 billion people in the world, of which there are 2.3 billion professing Christians, and 1:8 billion Muslims. While Christianity is declining, the Satanic inspired deadly Muslim religion has been seeing explosive growth since back in the 1970's. Therefore, my beloved friends, can you understand why and how my burden for lost souls is so overwhelming? A few days ago, as I was watching my beautiful great grandchildren playing in our family room, I began to think about the world these beautiful children are going to have to live in, if Jesus tarries His return and God doesn't send a spiritual revival. Every day when I get out of bed stumbling around because of my health problems, the only thing I have on my mind is how can we reach more lost souls for Christ. The greatest joy of my heart is to see lost people get saved while there is still time!

I would love to thank God for the glorious privilege He has given to my precious wife and I, to be a part of this marvelous ministry for so long. Surely, God has had His hand upon this work since its very beginning. I pray He will continue to do so indefinitely!



**The Beautiful Nile River Photo
Taken In Uganda On A Past Trip**



God's Beautiful Creation In Uganda!



**The Fast Bujagali Falls On The Nile River
In Beautiful Uganda**



**A Single Younger Elephant Running
Into The Beautiful Forest In Uganda**



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GIMI Pastor Giving Prisoners Rubber Sandals



GIMI Providing Large Meals For Prisoners



**Pastor Emmanuel's Wife Mary
With Women Prisoners**



**Pastor Emmanuel Bringing Many Gifts
To Prisoners From GIMI**



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GIMI Pastor Fred Nato Praying With Uganda Prisoners To Get Saved



Pastor John Sharing The Gospel Message With Many Prisoners



Pastor Fred Sharing New Testaments From GIMI With School Students



Pastor Abraham Preaching The Gospel In A Large Prison In Jinja, Uganda



Pastor John With A Huge Load Of Bible Study Material Ready For Distribution



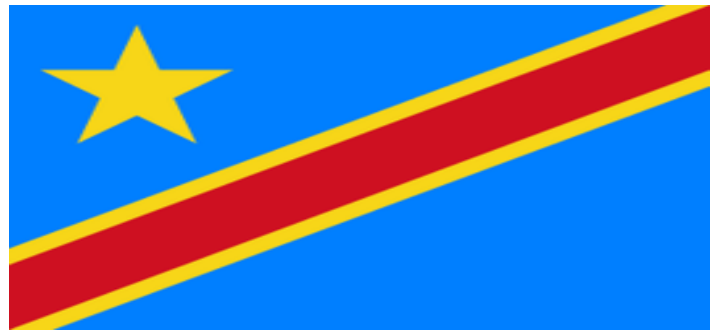
Pastor John Sharing The Gospel With Numbers Of Prisoners In Northern Uganda



Pastor John Sharing The Gospel With Another Group Of Prisoners In Rural South West, Uganda



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Pastor Mogga Having A Bible Study With Refugees In North Uganda



A Peace And Reconciliation Conference After The Terrorists Took Over Goma



Pastor Mogga Praying With Refugees To Get Saved In North Uganda



GIMI Bringing Loin Cloth Material For New Clothing After The Terrorist Raid



Pastor Israel Bringing A Huge Gift Of Medicine For Suffering Refugees



Pastor Mogga Praying With More Refugees To Get Saved In North Uganda



Pastor Benjamin And His Congregation Locate A Site For Their New Church



The Flag Of Kenya



Pastor Sammy Bringing Gifts From GIMI To A Prison In Kenya



GIMI Pastor Danson Atama Bringing Gifts to Turkana Ladies



GIMI Vice-President Tommy Snyder Preaching In a Large Kenya Prison With Pastor Sammy Translating



GIMI Pastor Sammy Sharing The Gospel With A Small Group Of Prisoners



Pastor Sammy Bringing Much Needed Items From GIMI To Kenya Prisoners



Pastor Sammy Bringing Many Gifts From GIMI For A Youth Rehab Home



Pastor Sammy Bringing Many More Gifts From GIMI To Kenya Prisoners



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